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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO NIGERIA

REF: (A) STATE 272040, (B) STATE 272512

1. WITH OBASANJO AND PROTOCOL CHIEF BALEWA STILL UP-COUNTRY BOUNCING FROM VILLAGE TO VILLAGE IN BAUCHI STATE, I DELIVERED REFTEL A MESSAGE AND REFTEL B EXPLANATION THIS MORNING TO MEA AMERICAS DIRECTOR MUSA. OBASANJO IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO LAGOS TONIGHT. MUSA WILL PERSONALLY PRESENT THE MESSAGE AND EXPLANATION TO OBASANJO ALONG WITH MY OFFER TO DISCUSS THE MATTER DIRECTLY WITH OBASANJO SHOULD HE SO DESIRE. MUSA WILL ALSO GIVE OBASANJO A SUMMARY STATUS REPORT FROM ME CONCERNING NEXT STEPS FOR THE ZIMBABWE INITIATIVE. MUSA AND I BELIEVE OBASANJO WILL PROBABLY DECLINE MY OFFER TO MEET WITH HIM IN ANTICIPATION OF A REPORT FROM GARBA ON HIS MEETING THIS AFTERNOON WITH SECRETARY VANCE.

2. MUSA PREDICTED THAT THE NEW DATES FOR A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT WILL BE READILY ACCEPTABLE. HE CONFIDED THAT OBASANJO HAD BEEN PLANNING TO TAKE VACATION/REST IMMEDIATELY AFTER CHRISTMAS. FURTHERMORE, THE NEW DATES WOULD PROVIDE MORE TIME FOR CAREFUL PLANNING AFTER THE PRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR IS OVER. FINALLY, POSSIBILITY OF A LONGER PRESIDENTIAL

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VISIT THAN ORIGINALLY POSED WOULD BE MOST WELCOME IN VIEW OF THE FMG'S PROBABLE DESIRE TO REACTIVATE "THE NORTHERN OPTION" (E.G. BRIEF VISIT TO KANO).

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